Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Dan Obenschain

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."

Praise the Lord!

Invocation (Responsively)

Dan Obenschain

O Lord, our Lord, there are many places we could go this morning, but we have desired to come to your house.

There are many voices to which we can listen today, but we desire to hear your voice.

It would be easy to scatter,
but we have chosen to gather.

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We need to behold your beauty,
to inquire in your temple,
to be wrapped in your love,
and to experience your renewing Spirit.
Come close. Lord Jesus.

to fill us and renew us. Amen.

∳ Hymn 1

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Dan Obenschain

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done. Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dan Obenschain

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,

not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a

cheerful giver.

Offering

Offertory There is a Redeemer Dan Baker

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise Song

Dayspring

Verse 1
Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true the only light,
Son of righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near,
Day star in my heart appear.

Verse 2
Dark and cheerless is the morn,
were it ever without Thee Joyless in the day's return,
til thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Verse 3
Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief,
Fill me radiancy divine,
scatter all my un belief.
More and more thy self display,
shining to the perfect day.

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon A New Commandment! Val Fieo

Scripture Reading 1 John 2:7-11

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old command that you have had from the beginning. The old command is the word you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother or sister is in the darkness until now. ¹⁰ The one who loves his brother or sister remains in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But the one who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he's going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Sermon

"Love Your Brother!" Rev. Tim Latham

♥ Hymn 259

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Responding We respond to God's Word

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you

proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come

again!

Profession of Faith (Romans 8))

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Praise Song

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths in flow may richer, fuller be. O light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I can not close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Barb Finch, Dan Obenschain

Postlude